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10.9.1 COMMUNICATING PRECAUTIONS FROM HEALTH CARE STAFF TO CUSTODY STAFF POLICY	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. POLICY

Health care staff shall communicate to custody the appropriate form of precautions to be used when dealing with a single patient or a small cluster of patients who have contracted certain communicable diseases. Staff shall use either the correctional standard precautions or the transmission-based precautions.

When a patient has an infectious disease that is easily transmitted person-to-person but transmission-based precautions are not required (e.g., norovirus or Staphylococcus aureus infections), health care staff shall communicate the need for correctional standard precautions to custody staff.

When a patient needs transmission-based precautions (in addition to correctional standard precautions), health care staff shall communicate the need for transmission-based precautions to custody staff.

II. PURPOSE

To ensure both custody and health care staff are appropriately protected from communicable diseases by communicating the type of precautions required when patients have certain communicable diseases.

III. DEFINITIONS

Correctional Standard Precautions: Hospital standard precautions adapted to a correctional setting that take into account security issues, inmate housing factors, and infection control concerns inherent to jails and prisons.

Hospital Standard Precautions: Infection control practices used in the hospital setting to reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms from both recognized and unrecognized sources of infection.

Transmission-Based Precautions: Contact, droplet, and airborne precautions. These precautions are used when the routes of transmission are not completely interrupted using standard precautions. Transmission-based precautions shall be used in conjunction with standard precautions.

IV. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall be used by California Correctional Health Care Services staff at all California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation institutions.

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V. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Executive Officer and Warden at each institution are responsible for enforcement and implementation of this policy.

VI. REFERENCES

- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Article 5, Section 1051, Communicable Diseases
- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Article 11, Section 1206.5, Management of Communicable Diseases in a Custody Setting
- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 5, Article 8, Section 1410, Management of Communicable Diseases
- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3340, Exclusions
- California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, Article 2, Section 2520, Quarantine
- Federal Bureau of Prisons, Clinical Practice Guidelines, (Guidelines to Communicable Diseases including Isolation Precautions)
http://www.bop.gov/resources/health_care_mngmt.jsp
- 2007 Guidelines for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings, June 2007
<http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/isolation/Isolation2007.pdf>